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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to an Examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the  
following amendments. A Version with Markings to Show Changes Made is attached hereto.

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**In the Specification**

On page 2, please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

Another method involves immobilization of DNA on silicon fibers. The fibers are then  
vortexed in the presence of plant cells. The resulting mechanical disruption allows the fibers to  
pierce the cells and deposit DNA into the cells. See, e.g., US Patent 5,303,523.

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